

## Chapter 3

# Comment Documents and Responses

This chapter presents documents submitted to DOE on the Storage and Disposition Draft PEIS, comments recorded in public meetings and identified from documents, and DOE's response to each comment. The responses to comments identical or similar in nature were repeated throughout the document. Comments that were assigned the same issue bins indicate that they pertained to the same general topic (see Table 1.2-1) but may not necessarily have the same response.

In most instances, the response is found on the same page as the corresponding comment. However, in cases where many comments were identified on a single page, the responses to those comments may appear on following pages.

A number of responses to comments refer to documents providing analysis for the technical, cost, schedule, and nonproliferation policy of the storage and disposition alternatives separate from the PEIS. These documents are as follows:

- *Technical Summary Report for Surplus Weapons-Usable Plutonium Disposition* (DOE/MD-0003)
- *Technical Summary Report for Long-Term Storage of Weapons-Usable Fissile Material* (DOE/MD-0004)
- *Nonproliferation and Arms Control Assessment of Weapons-Usable Fissile Material Storage and Plutonium Disposition Alternatives*

The two Technical Summary Reports were initially made available to the public for comment in July 1996. The Nonproliferation Assessment was first made available to the public for comment in October 1996, and a series of public meetings were held in October and November 1996 to receive public comment. The comments that were received on each of these documents were considered by DOE, and appropriate changes, clarification, and additional information are provided in updates to the documents which were again made available to the public beginning in November 1996.

The results of these analyses as well as the environmental analysis and public comments will be included in the decisionmaking process.